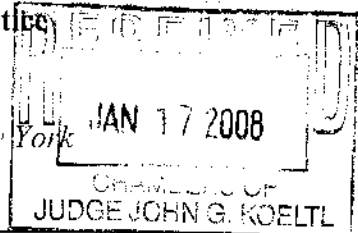




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United States District Judge
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**APPLICATION GRANTED
SO ORDERED**

1/18/07 
John G. Koeltl, U.S.D.J.

Re: United States v. Francisco Perez,
07 Civ. 11179 (JGK)
05 Cr. 466 (JGK)

Dear Judge Koeltl:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to respectfully request an extension of time to respond to the petition in the above-captioned case and referenced by the Court in its Memorandum and Order filed January 8, 2008. For the reasons that follow, the Government requests that the Court extend the time permitted for the Government to file its response to the petition, as set forth in the Court's Memorandum and Order, by thirty days (yielding a due date of April 7, 2008).

The Assistant United States Attorney who has primary responsibility for this case is currently on maternity leave. This Assistant will be returning from leave in approximately three weeks, and will be able to give proper attention to the petition at that time. Due to her superior familiarity with the background of the case, the Government respectfully requests that

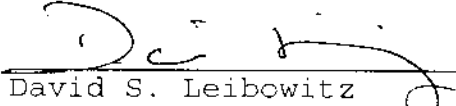
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the Court modify its Order to allow for sufficient time for the
returning Assistant to handle the response upon her return.

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